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*John Putnam will be deputy general counsel for the U.S. Department of Transportation.*

## Two Coloradans chosen for positions in Biden's transportation department

Sophie Shulman and John Putnam worked at state agencies

Two former state employees have been picked for positions in President Joe Biden's U.S. Department of Transportation, the agency announced Thursday.

Sophie Shulman will be deputy chief of staff for policy. She was chief of innovative mobility at the Colorado Department of Transportation before leaving in September, according to a spokesman for the state agency.

The state's innovative mobility office was created in 2019 and Shulman was its first leader. Before that, she had been an acting assistant secretary for research and technology at the federal transportation department and worked in President Barack Obama's White House.

"We are thrilled to see today's news about our friend and CDOT alumnus, Sophie Shulman," CDOT Executive Director Shoshana Lew said in a statement. "Sophie is a talented transportation leader whose expertise on the interface between climate and transportation, and broad perspective on the future of innovative mobility, will help the new administration get off to a running start."

Meanwhile, John Putnam will be a deputy general counsel for the U.S. Department of Transportation. He was, until this week, director of environmental programs at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Before joining CDPHE in 2019, Putnam was an environmental and transportation attorney for 25 years, representing states, municipalities and private entities in Colorado, according to an online biography.

"I am immensely proud of everything that CDPHE has accomplished during my time here; what a team," he said in a statement. "We've gotten extraordinary things done for this extraordinary state."

Thursday's staff announcements came as Pete Buttigieg, Biden's nominee for transportation secretary, was taking part in a confirmation hearing in the U.S. Senate. Shulman and Putnam will not require Senate confirmation.

Best regards,

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